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THE ADMINISTRATOR

DEC 22 1976

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Mayor
City of Baltimore
Baltimore, Maryland

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However, while we cannot fund the Baltimore proposal within the limits of the DPM competition, we found your plan to be justified and highly supportive of your redevelopment and rapid transit programs. We would like, therefore, to offer an alternative funding approach.

At the present time, UMTA has committed to $572 million for rapid transit construction in Baltimore. A saving of less than five percent in the total cost of constructing that transit line would permit the implementation of the Downtown People Mover you proposed. Further, you have available Interstate transfer possibilities which could be used for this purpose.

Accordingly, UMTA would be willing to fund the engineering and construction of the Downtown People Mover from any economies which could be achieved in the design and construction of the rapid transit system or from Interstate transfer sources, subject to a review of specific proposals.

If you wish to consider any of these possibilities, I hope you will be in touch with me. We have been impressed with the great progress which you and your city have made, and we would like to continue to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Mayor
City of Houston
Houston, Texas 77001

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Mayor
City of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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Dear Mayor Perk:

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We were especially impressed in the case of Cleveland with the need for providing improved downtown circulation links for the region's rapid transit system as a means of increasing usage of that system, and by the likely benefits in terms of increased retail sales and project rentals which such improved circulation could produce. During the course of engineering, we will be interested in progress made by the City, in conjunction with other public and private interests, in making immediate improvements in existing downtown circulation through the use of transportation systems management techniques, and in moving ahead with proposed development and redevelopment proposals.

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Honorable George Latimer
Mayor
City Hall
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mayor Latimer:

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